

**City of Harrington  
MINUTES  
City Council Workshop  
July 6, 2015**

**Public Comments**

There were no Public Comments.

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A workshop with the Harrington City Council was held at Harrington City Hall, 106 Dorman Street, on July 6, 2015 and was attended by the following: Mayor Anthony R. Moyer; Vice Mayor Duane E. Bivans; Council Member Fonda Coleman; Council Member Eric Marquis; Council Member Amy Minner; Council Member Charles W. Porter; Council Member Kenneth W. Stubbs; Norman Barlow, Chief of Police; William Pepper, City Solicitor; Teresa Tieman, City Manager; Dean Gary, Accountant; and Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council.

Also present: Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor; Jennifer Antonik; and Barbara Bullock.

Mayor Moyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Pothole priority list**

Council Member Porter asked what streets are waiting for water and sewer infrastructure work to be completed before paving is done. The Public Works Supervisor stated that Hanley Street is. The City Manager stated that as soon as funding is available, Hanley Street sewer lines will be repaired, and it will be on the street paving list for next year. Meadowwood Lane is scheduled to be paved this year; it was not built to City standards but was accepted anyway. Mechanic Street and Clukey Drive are also scheduled for paving this year.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that there are sinkholes on Hanley Street, and as soon as the sewer repairs are made, it should be paved. The City Manager stated that the City can try to get funding for the paving of Hanley Street. Mayor Moyer stated that it would be good to limit traffic on Hanley Street until it is fixed. The City Manager stated that Public Works can notify the affected properties.

**Debt refinancing**

The City Manager stated that the City has been approved to refinance four loans through the State Revolving Loan Program. The new rate will be two percent

(2%), and the terms will be the remaining time on each loan. The annual debt service savings will be thirty-nine thousand twenty-six dollars (\$39,026), and the savings over the remainder of the loan terms is nine hundred ten thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$910,267). The USDA and State Revolving Loan Fund expect that the savings will be invested in new water and sewer projects. The refinance is considered issuance of new debt under the Charter and requires a referendum. The City Solicitor stated that if the terms of the loan are set at ten years then a referendum is not required.

Discussion occurred regarding public outreach for the referendum.

### **Part time Police Officer**

The Chief of Police stated that this officer would be more involved in community programs, like meeting with people and businesses. It would be a more proactive approach. The Chief of Police stated that he applied for a grant to pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the salary of the new officer, but it has not been approved yet.

Mayor Moyer stated that a full time, rather than part time, officer is needed. Council Member Porter stated that he would like a full time police officer too.

The Chief of Police stated that the City already has a car and equipment available. The City Manager stated that the salary and benefits cost would be about forty-five thousand dollars (\$45,000) for the year. This year the salary can be paid for from reserves but not every year; revenue will have to be raised or the budget cut somewhere else next year.

Council Member Marquis suggested starting the officer as part time and move to full time if the grant is received.

Mayor Moyer stated that safety is important and funds can be gotten elsewhere. The Chief of Police stated that he does not want to take funds from another department and will look for grants and savings to fund the position. The City Manager stated that the best time for community policing is the summer and that the initial funding can come from the General Fund Reserves.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked about a contract to guarantee the officer will stay at the Harrington Police Department.

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Barbara Bullock stated that police interaction makes them more approachable.

### **City Council Comments**

Council Member Porter stated that the drug rehabilitation facility was not allowed by the City Council; it was allowed by the zoning.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that he would like to discuss Public Comments at the next Workshop. Mayor Moyer asked why the Council cannot discuss what someone says during Public Comments. The City Solicitor stated that the Freedom of Information Act requires advance notice of what the City Council is going to discuss, not just take action on. Council Member Marquis stated that it is not fair to the public to not have their comments addressed. Mayor Moyer stated that the City needs to be more interactive with the public.

Council Member Minner stated that there are weeds in the streets. The Public Works Supervisor stated that they were just sprayed last week. Council Member Minner asked that Public Works be careful not to spray into people's yards.

Vice Mayor Bivans asked that the trees on Commerce and Clark Streets be checked.

Mayor Moyer stated that City Hall looks nice outside and that curbs need to be painted on the main streets.

Council Member Minner thanked Chris Hayward for thirty-five (35) years of service to the City.

Vice Mayor Bivans stated that Council Person Pikas from Milford passed away.

There being no further business, the City Council Workshop adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Blanchies  
Clerk of Council